

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a good example of the downfalls of media consolidation. Because Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, they are obligated by law to serve the public interest. Program selection should be made with the utmost care. I am concerned that decreased monitoring of such programming is hurting America. We need more information about real issues that affect our present and future. Furthermore we need a more stringent license-renewal process so that all broadcasting companies take the FCC as seriously as they should. Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.